



**HAMRE, SCHUMANN,
MUELLER & LARSON, P.C.**
AN INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW FIRM

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 28 2007

FAX TRANSMISSION March 28, 2007

TO: Examiner: DENTZ
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

FROM: Douglas P. Mueller
OUR REF: 14633.0004USWO
TELEPHONE: (612) 455.3800

Total pages, including cover letter: 3

PTO FAX NUMBER: 571.273.8300

If all pages are NOT received, please call us at 612.455.3800 or fax us at 612.455.3801.

Title of Document: **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicant: ISHIHARA ET AL.
Serial No.: 10/506485
App. Filed: September 2, 2004
Group Art No.: 1625
Conf. No.: 2840

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478. Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate.

By: _____
Name: Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No.: 30,300

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Gina M. Dahl

A handwritten signature of Gina M. Dahl, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Signature

MARCH 28, 2007

Date

225 SOUTH SIXTH STREET • SUITE 2650 • MINNEAPOLIS • MN 55402
TEL 612.455.3800 • FAX 612.455.3801
WWW.HSML.COM • MAIL@HSML.COM

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

MAR 28 2007

S/N 10/506,485

PATENTIN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Applicant: | ISHIHARA ET AL. | Examiner: | DENTZ |
| Serial No.: | 10/506,485 | Group Art Unit: | 1625 |
| Filed: | SEPTEMBER 2, 2004 | Docket No.: | 14633.0004USWO |
| Title: | HETEROCYCLE-BEARING ONIUM SALTS | | |

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d): I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2007.

By: 
Name: Gina M. Dahl

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants provisionally elect Group I ("sulfonium", claims 1, 2, 4-13, 24-26, 30, 31, 34, and 35) in response to the Restriction Requirement of February 28, 2007. Applicants do not concede the absence of a "single inventive concept" as asserted in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants further contend that the requirement of restriction within a single claim is improper. See In re Haas, 198 USPQ 328 (CCPA 1978), which confirmed that requiring restriction within a single claim improperly denies an applicant's right to have an examination of the invention in the manner he sees fit. To the extent the issue were to be recharacterized as an election of species between "sulfonium" and "iodinium", the election of "sulfonium" would be without traverse.

S/N 10/506,485

PATENT

No. 50-3478.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

Respectfully submitted,

Hamre, Schumann,
Mueller & Larson, P.C.
P.O. Box 2902-0902
Minneapolis, MN 55402
Phone: 612-455-3800

Date: March 28, 2007

By _____
Name: Douglas P. Mueller
Reg. No. 30,300
Customer No. 52835